

REMARKS

The title has been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 11 and 14 have been amended. Claims 3, 5, 10, 12, 13 and 15-30 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1, 6 and 8 now contain limitations of original claims 4 and 6, original claims 1 and 5, and original claims 12 and 13, respectively. The application as amended contains claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11 and 14. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Petition to Make Special filed June 12, 2006, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 18, 2009.

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). Reconsideration is requested. Claim 3 has been canceled. The application as amended is believed to be in proper form.

The title is objected to as being not descriptive. Reconsideration is requested. The title has been amended to overcome the objection.

Claims 6, 7 and 14 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper form. Reconsideration is requested. The claims have been amended to overcome the objection.

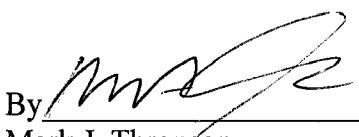
Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Narumi. Reconsideration is requested. As noted above, claims 1 and 8 now contains limitations of original claims 4 and 6, and original claims 12 and 13, respectively. The claims as amended are believed to be patentably distinguishable over Narumi.

Claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 11 and 14 depend from claims 1, 6 and 8, and are believed to be allowable along with claims 1, 6 and 8, and for other reasons.

Allowance of the application, as amended, with claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11 and 14, is solicited.

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